stow and if so, what steps are being taken to increase the quota of vehicles during the next six months.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DE-, VELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Only booking for Gypsy and Vans were made in 1985. All allotment numbers against the bookings for Vans and Gypsy made in 1985 have been released for delivery.

Power shortage in Northern States

717. SHRI KALPNATH RAI;
SHRI IAGADISH JANI;

Will the Minister of ENERGY b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether the northern States have been facing acute power shortage in the recent weeks affecting production in the agricultural and industrial sectors;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the power situation in the affected States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI); (a) and (b) The power supply position in Northern Region during lanuary, 1988 is given in the enclosed Statement *{See* below). The power shortage is mainly on account of the shortfall in hydel generation due to low reservoir levels and an increase in agricultural demand due to widespread drought conditions.

(c) A contingency plan has been formulated and implemented to augment thermal generation. The measures being taken to increase the availability of power also include expediting commissioning of new capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reducing transmission & distribution losses and implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures.

Statement

Actual power supply position in Northern Region during January, 1988

(All figures in net MU)

State/U. T.		Requirement	Availability	Shortage (%)
Chandigarh.	.	37	37	—
Delhi.	.	535	519	16(3. 0)
		605	464	141 (23. 3)
H. P..		108	105	3(2. 8)
J& K.		235	176	59(25. 1)
Punjab (including NFF)		960	888	72(7. 5)
Rajasthan		840	671	169(20. 1)
U. P..	TOTAL	2210	1781	429(19-4)
		5530	4641	889(16 1)